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**Swainson's Warbler — An Omission.** — In my article on Swainson's Warbler in this number of 'The Auk,' I neglected to refer to an announcement by Dr. G. E. Manigault (Science Record, II, Feb., 1884, p. 34) of the capture of two specimens near Charleston by Mr. Wayne in August, 1883. It is, perhaps, enough to say in this connection that I have been since assured by Mr. Wayne that these birds were erroneously identified, and that they were certainly not Swainson's Warblers.—WILLIAM BREWSTER, *Cambridge, Mass.*

**The Red Crossbill Breeding in Eastern Massachusetts.**—Late in May, 1884, I received information that a flock of *Loxia curvirostra americana* had been seen on the outskirts of the town. Now this was a bird I had been looking for in vain for a number of years, my last record being about ten years ago, and that flock made but a short stay. So on the 31st I visited the locality named, which was 'just the place' for them, being a ledgy tract of pitch-pine, bordering on an alder and maple swamp. I found the flock there, about ten birds, and secured a pair, male and female, in fine adult plumage. On examination I concluded they had not yet bred, and were not likely to for some time. Thinking it probable some would nest there, I made several trips to the grove in June and July, but without result. I requested the man who owned the premises and lived near by, and who was quite interested in my search, to be on the watch for any young birds, and about the middle of July, was gratified with the information that he had twice seen at close quarters a pair of old birds feeding their young; and he has reported their presence quite frequently since, the last time being as lately as November 15.

I regret that I cannot fix the date of hatching (interesting from being so late in the season), and also that I cannot give this at 'first hand'; but my 'assistant observer' is reliable, and has often given me items of ornithological value.—F. C. BROWNE, *Framingham, Mass.*

**The Ipswich Sparrow (*Passerculus princeps*) in Delaware.**—Two specimens obtained Nov. 22, 1884, constitute, I believe, the first record of this species for the State, and the only record south of Seven Mile Beach, N. J. I secured them among the sandhills of Rehoboth Beach, about seven miles south of Cape Henlopen, and might have found others had not my available time been limited to one hour's search.—J. DWIGHT, JR., *New York.*

***Peucaea aestivalis* and its Subspecies *illinoensis*.**—While at Washington last April I happened to mention to Mr. Ridgway that I had taken three specimens of what seemed to be his *Peucaea aestivalis illinoensis* at Charleston, South Carolina, in May, 1883. This led to an examination of Audubon's type of *Fringilla backmani* (preserved in the collection of the National Museum) which very unexpectedly turned out to be also referable to the red inland form instead of, as has been previously assumed, to the dark, black-streaked one of Georgia and Florida. Hence